

In the Claims:

Kindly cancel claims 1, 3-7, 9-12 and 17 without prejudice.

Kindly amend claim 15 as follows.

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15. (Amended) A method for preventing or treating an allergy or a disease of allergic origin, which comprises administering the compound according to claim 18, to a patient in need thereof. Sub F/b

Please add the following new claims.

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18. An isolated compound for preventing or treating an allergy, said compound consisting of (a) at least one allergen antigenic determinant which is recognised by a B cell or an antibody secreted by a B cell of a non-atopic individual to said allergen and (b) at least one antigenic determinant of an antigen different from said allergen which triggers T cell activation.

19. The compound according to claim 18, wherein said allergen antigenic determinant is not recognised by a T cell.

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20. The compound according to claim 18, wherein the allergen is selected from the group consisting of (a) *Der pI* and *Der pII* of house dust mite *Dermatophagoides pteronyssinus*, (b) the major antigen of *Aspergillus fumigatus*, (c) the staphylococcal B enterotoxin (SEB) and (d) the bovine β -lactoglobulin.

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between amino acid 11 and 24, as well as in between amino acid 22 and 34. The 7-39 region of Der pII therefore contains two binding sites for IgG non-atopic individuals.

Page 25, replace the paragraph beginning at line 21 with the following paragraph:

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The compound of the invention can be prepared by recombinant cDNA technology to produce a polypeptide made of a series of repetitive units of T and B cell epitope-containing peptides. A polypeptide made of a duplicated T cell epitope derived from TT (amino acids 830 to 844 of the heavy chain) and six repetitive B cell epitopes derived from Der pII is produced by DNA technology. A sequence of two amino acid residues is inserted between each epitope. The sequence is: D - (QYIKANSKFIGITELX)₂ - (CHGSEPCIIHRGKPFX)₅ - (CHGSEPCIIHRGKPFSR, (SEQ ID NO. 3), in which X is GG or SS.

Page 29, replace the paragraph beginning at line 13 with the following paragraph:

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Thus, a 32 amino-acid long peptide of sequence QYIKANSKFIGITELGGCHGSEPCNIHRGKPF (sequence ID No. 5) is produced by synthesis as in Example 1. This peptide corresponds to a T cell epitope derived from TT (amino acid 830 to 844) and a B cell epitope derived from Der pII separated by a stretch of GG. The B cell epitope sequence has a point substitution in position 28, i.e. a substitution of I to N, which was shown to eliminate a major T cell epitope by assay systems as described in Figure 5.

replace the paragraph beginning at line 23 with the following paragraph:

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The peptide is used for mouse immunization. Thus, six BALB/c mice are injected in each footpad with 50 µl of an emulsion containing 50 µg of the peptide in complete Freund's adjuvant. The same injection procedure is used twice at a fortnight interval, except for the use of

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incomplete Freund's adjuvant. Two weeks after the last injection, the mice are bled and the serum shown to contain specific antibodies to the Der pII B cell epitope included in the synthetic peptide used for immunization, and to full-length Der pII protein. Regional draining lymph nodes are obtained for the preparation of T cell suspension. The latter are shown to proliferate in the presence of TT, but not in the presence of Der pII or the peptide corresponding to the B cell moiety used for immunization.

Page 30, replace the paragraph beginning at line 31 with the following paragraph:

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The substituted branched peptide is used to immunize BALB/c mice by the same procedure as described in Example 5. The serum is shown to contain antibodies to full-length Der pII and Der pI proteins and to the two B cell epitopes derived from these two allergens. T cell proliferation assays show a positive response to TT and to the influenza A viral protein containing the T cell epitope sequence.

Page 31, replace the paragraph beginning at line 28 with the following paragraph:

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 10^7 pfus are administered by inhalation in BALB/c mice. Mice are bled three weeks after and the level of antibodies towards Der p II, and the B cell moiety contained in the immunizing construct is evaluated by direct binding ELISA as in Figure 3.

In the Abstract:

Delete line 21 in its entirety.